



## Legislative Updates as of 02/20/2026

### Week Six Weekly Report

This week, the Georgia General Assembly returned from the Presidents' Day Holiday to complete legislative days 19-22 and advanced a wide array of bills: the House unanimously passed health-related measures requiring cardiovascular screenings for high-school athletes, autism screening pilots for foster children, and mandated opioid-reversing medication like Narcan on public college campuses. House Speaker Burns unveiled an insurance affordability reform package this week aimed at homeowner, auto, and health insurance costs, and focused on expanded tax breaks to volunteer firefighters. The Senate passed several financial and education-related bills, including extending the state university system's strategic reserve authority, tax-credit scholarships for private school students, rate limits on out-of-network ambulance billing, and pension updates for law enforcement and firefighters. The legislature also-passed education and transportation measures, including alternative charter school funding and data center regulation. In addition to these actions, advocacy groups testified on civil liberties concerns as several bills affecting free expression, school censorship policies, and criminal penalties continued moving through committees.

### Healthcare Updates

Also, this week, the Georgia General Assembly advanced several notable healthcare initiatives focused on prevention, mental health, and insurance accountability. The House unanimously passed measures requiring cardiovascular screenings for high school athletes, launching a pilot autism screening program for foster children, and mandating that public colleges and universities carry opioid-reversing medication such as Narcan with liability protections. Lawmakers also moved forward legislation to formally certify peer specialists and strengthen standards for Recovery Community Organizations, while a Senate proposal sought to create a licensing and regulatory framework for recovery residences. Additional bills addressing surprise medical billing, provider credentialing timelines, and insurer payment practices were introduced or progressed through early stages. Alongside these efforts, House leadership highlighted broader insurance affordability reforms, including stronger enforcement of mental health parity laws, signaling continued legislative focus on expanding access to care and improving consumer protections.

### Tracked Bills Introduced or Moved This Week

[HR948 House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create \(House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute, 02/19/2026\)](#)

[HB1332 Georgia Buy American Medicine Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 02/19/2026\)](#)

[HB1302 Education and Workforce Strategy Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 02/17/2026\)](#)

[HB810 Insurance; require that final reimbursements to pharmacies for prescription drugs are based on certain formulas \(House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute, 02/19/2026\)](#)

[HB100 Prescription Drug Consumer Financial Protection Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 01/28/2025\)](#)

[SB428 Medical Assistance; Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; direct \(Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute, 02/19/2026\)](#)

[SB487 Education Workforce Data Governance Advisory Committee; within the Office of Student Achievement; establish \(Senate Read Second Time, 02/19/2026\)](#)

[SB402 Children and Youth; pilot program provision for screenings, clinical evaluations, training for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; establish \(House Second Readers, 02/10/2026\)](#)

## Tracked Bills

[HB980 Georgia-Ireland Trade Commission; create \(Senate Read and Referred, 02/09/2026\)](#)

[HB1119 Labor and industrial relations; pharmacy care guidelines and pharmacy management networks under workers' compensation; provide \(House Withdrawn, Recommitted, 02/05/2026\)](#)

[HB991 Labor and industrial relations; definition of employment for certain services performed by certain healthcare technology platform contractors; provisions \(House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute, 01/29/2026\)](#)

[HB1033 Georgia Access to Healthcare for Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 01/29/2026\)](#)

[HB1039 Georgia Equitable Economic Development Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 01/29/2026\)](#)

[HB988 State employees; require health benefit plan to cover hormone replacement therapy for biological women experiencing perimenopause and menopause when such therapy is ordered or prescribed \(House Second Readers, 01/27/2026\)](#)

[HB968 Controlled substances; mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine \(7-OH\) are Schedule I; provide \(House Second Readers, 01/16/2026\)](#)

[HB981 Professions and businesses; expand certain advanced practice registered nurse and physician assistant prescriptive authorizations \(House Second Readers, 01/27/2026\)](#)

[HB923 Pharmacies; furnish patients with written informational material when dispensing certain prescription drugs; require \(House Second Readers, 01/12/2026\)](#)

[HB931 Health; control high costs of prescription drugs; establish framework \(House Second Readers, 01/12/2026\)](#)

[HB101 State employees; annual public report on the amount of prescription drug rebates and other price concessions applied to premium reductions; provide \(House Withdrawn, Recommitted, 04/04/2025\)](#)

[HB690 Pharmacy benefits managers; duty of care to insureds, health plans, and providers; provide \(House Second Readers, 03/04/2025\)](#)

[HB139 Pharmacies; prohibit drug manufacturer and wholesalers from preventing a licensed pharmacy from acquiring drugs from entities that participate in a particular federal drug discount program \(House Second Readers, 01/29/2025\)](#)

[HB100 Prescription Drug Consumer Financial Protection Act; enact \(House Second Readers, 01/28/2025\)](#)

[SB427 Physicians; limited provisional licenses and a pathway to licensure for certain internationally trained physicians; provide \(Senate Read Second Time, 02/06/2026\)](#)

[SB455 Georgia Artificial Intelligence Commission; establishment \(Senate Read and Referred, 02/04/2026\)](#)

[SB91 State Employees' Health Insurance Plan; Board of Community Health from entering into, executing, or renewing a contract with any pharmacy benefits manager that owns or has an ownership interest in any retail pharmacy; prohibit \(House Withdrawn, Recommitted, 04/04/2025\)](#)

[SB111 \(House Withdrawn, Recommitted, 03/27/2025\)](#)

[SB60 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; managers have a duty of care to insureds, health plans, and providers; provide \(Senate Read and Referred, 01/30/2025\)](#)

[SB50 \(Senate Read and Referred, 01/29/2025\)](#)